

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-14, 16-18, 22, 23, 32, and 35 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-21, 33, and 34 have been canceled by this amendment. No claims have been amended. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for her careful consideration in this matter. All claims remaining in this matter have been allowed by the Examiner. There is, however, some confusion with respect to claim 35. Claim 35 as presented herein remains in its original form.

Specifically, with respect to claim 35, the Office Action dated April 15, 2004 noted that it was allowed. However, the present Office Action states on the cover page that claim 35 has both been allowed and not allowed. In the body of the Office Action itself, Rix and Yakopson et al. are used in combination purportedly to obviate claim 35. Since (1) these are the same two references that the Examiner cited in the April 15, 2004 Office Action against many of the other claims but not claim 35, and (2) the Examiner, in each Office Action, detailed her arguments with respect to each claim by referencing the specific individual claim number and this pattern is lacking with respect to claim 35, the Applicant concludes that the rejection of claim 35 herein was simply an inadvertent error on the part of the Patent Office.

In the event that this is an erroneous conclusion, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw Final Office Action status so this matter can be resolved expeditiously. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the analysis provided in the Office Action, for noting the allowable claims, and for advising the Applicants of the additional art made of record but not relied upon.

In conclusion, respectfully submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early notice of Allowance or other favorable action. Please charge any prosecution fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Corporation's Deposit Account No. 11-0875. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present amendment to permit early resolution of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
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